Withdrawal by Companies From Hundred Per Cent Export Oriented Scheme

6284. SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several companies included in the hundred per cent export oriented scheme have urged the Government to permit them to withdraw from the scheme;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Only a few units have sought withdrawal from the hundred per cent EOU Scheme.

(b) The reasons for seeking debonding vary in each case.

(c) A package of incentives relating to both policy and procedures has recently been announced.

Export of Sub-Standard Ginger From Cochin

5285. SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that some big exporters of ginger in Cochin are mixing sub-standard quality ginger of other areas with Cochin ginger while exporting it to USA, USSR, Britain etc.;

(b) whether it has resulted in heavy fall in the prices of ginger in the export market of Cochin;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government propose to hold an enquiry into these unfair practices;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps the Government propose to take to check such unfair practices?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) No such complaint has come to Government's notice.

(b) to (e). These questions do not arise.

(f) Export of ginger is subject to compulsory quality control and preshipment inspection by the Directorate of Marketing and Inspection (AGMARK).

Assistance to Phulwari Cotton Mills in Bihar

5286. SHRI RAM SARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of TEXTILE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any request from the Government of Bihar for assistance to run the Phulwari Cotton Mills; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*English*]

Declaration of National Highways in Karnataka

5287. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESHWARI: